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IBM Ref.: BUR-2000-0039-US2

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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May 18, 2004

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2004 (Paper No. 20040222), the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are on page 2;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper. No fees are believed to be due with this amendment.

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